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District Men Found Guilty of Armed Robbery

WASHINGTON - A jury recently found Jeremiah Gray, 22, of the District, guilty of charges stemming from an armed robbery in March 2010 near 14th and S Streets NW. A second man, Frank Tate, 18, pleaded guilty to charges in the case earlier this month, just before he was to go on trial.

Gray, of the 4900 block of Ninth Street NW, was found guilty of armed robbery and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. The jury returned its verdict Sept. 9, 2010 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Tate, of the 4300 block of New Hampshire Avenue NW, pleaded guilty to the same charges on Sept. 1. The Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary, who presided over the trial, will sentence Gray on Nov. 18 and Tate on Nov. 10.

The evidence at trial established that Gray, Tate, and a third accomplice, all armed with silver pistols, approached the two victims about 3:20 a.m. March 14, 2010 as they were returning to their car, which was parked near the intersection of 14th and S Streets, N.W. After the three robbers took the victims' wallets, keys, cellular phones and jewelry, one of them pistol-whipped one of the victims in the face. All three robbers then fled down an alley.

Immediately after the robbery, the uninjured victim flagged down Officer John Terry, of the Metropolitan Police Department, who began to canvass for suspects. Less than a minute after being flagged down, Officer Terry stopped Tate and Gray within approximately two blocks of the crime scene. Twenty minutes after the crime, they both were identified by the victims as having participated in the robbery. Police then recovered property belonging to one of the victims from Tate. A cellular phone recovered from Tate also contained a photo of him holding a silver pistol, taken earlier that same evening.

In announcing the recent outcomes, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. praised the work of Officer Terry and Detective Kenneth Arrington, also of the MPD. He also commended the work of Paralegals Baretta Francis and Wanda Trice, and law clerks David Snyder and Julia Cardozo. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Emily A. Miller, who indicted and prosecuted the case at trial.

